

## Presidential Citation

Whereas the creation of the U.S.-Philippines Friendship Caucus is a landmark success achievement of the U.S. House of Representatives in the promotion of a closer partnership between the Filipino and American peoples;

Whereas the U.S. Philippines Friendship Caucus is a pillar of the democratic Philippine-American alliance and a manifestation of the enduring ties of history, affinity, amity and mutual respect between the Philippines and the United States;

Whereas, in view of the above, special recognition is hereby merited-

For leadership in initiating the U.S. — Philippines Friendship Caucus;

For vision in deepening mutual understanding and cooperation between the Philippines and the United States;

For advocacy in championing the cause of the Filipino Veterans of World War II and other worthy causes of the Philippines and the Filipino-American community;

For commitment to democracy in fostering the participation of Filipino-Americans in government and society;

Mow, therefore, I. Storia Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby confer, in recognition of the above this —

Presidential Citation for leadership in promoting the Philippine-American partnership

On the Bon. Rep. Bob filner

Bone this 17% day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four

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